GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES ON TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreements have been made with foreign countries in the field of tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof country-wise;

(c) whether tourism in Maharashtra is likely to be benefited by such agreements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Bilateral Agreements/ Memorandum of Understandings/ Protocol Agreements havebeen signed with the following counties:- Iraq, Portugal, Syria, Hungary, Belarus, Israel, Uzbekistan, Republic of Korea(South),Singapore, Bulgaria, Romania, Russia, Turkey, Iran, Kryghstan, Mexico, Scychelles, Cyprus, Peru, South Africa, Egypt, Greece, Mongolia, Morocco, Indonesia, Cambodia and Italy.

These Agreements/Memorandum of Understandings on Tourism Cooperation commits on the two countries to widen the existing links of friendship and fostering a deep understanding in the establishment of a wider cooperation in tourism. It envisages cooperation with regard to tourism promotion and publicity. These Agreements/Memorandum of Understandings can help directly or indirectly in promotion of tourism between the two countries.

(c) & (d): Such Agreements/Memorandum of Understandings on cooperation in thefield of tourism are helpful in promoting tourism to India as a whole including Maharashtra.